

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Ketchikan Visitors Bureau****Federal Tax ID: 92-0062853****Project Title:**

## Ketchikan Visitors Bureau - Visitor Information Center at Berth Three

**State Funding Requested: \$ 20,000****House District: 1 - A**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

Purchasing equipment for the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau Information Center.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$20,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Ketchikan Visitors Bureau [KVB] is seeking \$20,000 for purchasing equipment for a new visitor information center to be constructed as part of the Berth Three expansion project. The City of Ketchikan is constructing a new berth to expand the existing port facilities downtown. During the summer tourism season Berth Three will be used primarily for cruise ships. Construction plans include additional restrooms, covered shelter area, as well as a small visitor information center to be operated by the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau. While the cost of construction is included in the City's budget, the KVB seeks additional funds to furnish and equip the facility.

**Project Timeline:**

FY09

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Ketchikan Visitors Bureau

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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Senator Burt Stedman  
50 Front Street, Suite 203  
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

Dear Senator Stedman,

Thank you for taking the time last week to discuss legislative issues of interest to the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau.

As the session nears, I'd like to ask for your support in obtaining a legislative appropriation to help cover the expenses associated with developing a satellite visitor information center which will be located adjacent to the Berth 3 project presently under construction. The visitor center facility will expand our opportunities to promote Ketchikan services and products to visitors during the summer cruise season.

Construction expenses for the center and adjacent public restrooms are built into the project budget by the City of Ketchikan. We would like to request \$20,000 to furnish and equip the facility, including costs of telephone and internet service equipment, computer terminals and phone equipment as well as signage and brochure racks and storage that will be necessary to the operation of the facility.

Please let me know if you or your staff may require additional information regarding this request, or if I can be of assistance on any matter that pertains to tourism issues in Ketchikan.

Congratulations on your selection as Co-Chair of the Senate Finance Committee and best of luck during the coming session. We are fortunate to have you representing our interests in Juneau.

Sincerely,

Patti Mackey  
Executive Director

C: Ketchikan Visitors Bureau Board of Directors